20.8 MMT. The estimated expenditure thereon would be around Rs. 6,000 crores. These imports are being made both under term contracts and through spot purchase. Term contracts are with the national companies of UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Malaysia and USSR. Supplies were also being received from Iraq and Kuwait before the Gulf crisis began in August, 1990.

Mixing of Alcohol in Petrol

*38. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article cap tioned 'Cocktail Option' which appear ed in the 'Economic Times' of the 20th August, 1990, regarding failure to use alcohol in petrol; and

(b) whether in view of grave urgency due to the Gulf War and also to check pollution, Government have any proposal to start mixing alcohol in petrol as was being done in India earlier and as is being done now in several countries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Government has seen the news report.

(b) No such decision has been taken.

Power cuts in States

*39. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Wiil the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) in how many States power cuts are in vogue at present thereby affecting the low tension and high tension consumers; and

(b) what steps have been taken to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) A *Statement* showing the state-wise power cuts/restrictions on various categories of consumers during January, 1991 is enclosed.

(b) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T&D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Statement

Power cuts on Industries in January, 1991

	Energy Cut	Demand Cut
Northern Region		
Chandigarh	Nil	Peak period restrictions.
Delhi	Nil	Peak period restrictions.
Haryana	(i) 8 hrs/day/zone supply to all H.T. industries in three zones with contract demand of 20 KVA and above but below 1MW.	
	(ii) 40% weekly energy cut on the industrial consumers with connected load of 1 MW & above.	
	(iii) 40% weekly energy cut on the industrial consumers fed from independent feeders.	

	Energy Cut	Demand Cut
Northern Region		
Himachal Pradesh .	Nil	Peak period restrictions.
Jammu & Kashmir .	Jammu : No cut Kashmir: Upto 15-1-91 power supply was disrupted due to heavy snowfall w.e.f. 16-1-91, 5 hrs/day cut in urban area and 14 hrs/ day Gut in rural area.	
Punjab	Nil	0) 50% cut during evening peak hours on C.P. industries getting supply from independent feeders. (ii) Peak period restrictions on general industries.
Rajasthan	Nil	Peak period restrictions on general industries.
Uttar Pradesh .	(i) 50 75% energy cut for 12 days on H.T. industries with contract demand of 1250 KVA and above. (ii) 16 hrs per day supply to rolling, re-rolling mills & 12.5 hrs per day supply to arc/induction furnaces, (iii) Peak period restrictions on general industries.	
Western Region		
Gujarat	Nil	40% from 27-1-91 to 31-1-91
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Maharasthra	Nil	10-15% on H.T. industries.
Goa	Nil	Nil
Southern Region		
Andara Pradesh	. No cut upto 7-1-91, w.e.f. 9130 40% cut on 25 with	No cut upto 7-1-91, w.e.f. 8-1-91 8-1-35% cut on H.T. industries H.T. industries with CMD of 501 KVA and above. CMD of 501 KVA and above.
Karnataka	. 40 % cut on H.T. industries with contract demand of 5001 KVA and above.	10 - 20 %
Kerala	Nil	Nil
Tamil Nadu	10%	15-20%
Eastern Region		
Bihar '	. There is no statutory power cut in the State and the shortages are met by resorting to load shedding/restrictions depending on day-to-day availability.	
D.V.C.	. Supply is made to the various consumers according to schedule of allocation at different level of availability.	
Orissa	30—65%	Peak period restrictions.
West Bengal	, . Nil	Peak period restrictions.
North-Eastern-Region	Load shedding depending on day-to-day availability.	